

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council on Tuesday, 14th September 2021
at 7.00pm in the Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall.

***Councillor's present: Bernini
China
Fort
Greeff
Ingram***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Springford and KCC Cllr Cooke.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. To elect a Vice Chairman.

It was proposed to elect Cllr Greeff as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr China and agreed by all present.

4. Appointment of Committees, Representatives to Outside Bodies.

It was agreed that this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members.

These were proposed by Cllr Fort as a true record, seconded by Cllr China and agreed by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters were raised.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

It was agreed that the Parish Councillor Vacancy would be considered as a confidential item at the close of the meeting.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr Bernini gave a report to members.

He reported that over the past week the police had undertaken an operation in the village, the police were stopping lorries and were enforcing the restrictions, the police preference appeared to be to educate rather than prosecute.

Cllr Fort suggested that a Highways report was included in the Parish News to keep residents updated. This was agreed. Cllr Bernini stated that he would action this.

He reported that the speed survey results had been received by the PC and circulated to members. He stated that he and Cllr Greeff would look at this in more detail and present the data to members.

Lorry Watch – Cllr Bernini reported that Lorry Watch was working well with the Collier Street Team, this was driven by data collected by residents. The data was then sent to the police and this scheme had drastically reduced the traffic issue.

He stated that there was also the option to collect data from cameras collected by residents as evidence. Volunteer residents were needed to gather the data and submit this to the police.

He was in the process of seeking further details regarding the scheme and would feed this back to members.

This was discussed further, and it was agreed that the PC would include an item in the Parish News to seek volunteers to take the scheme forward.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present and agreed. (Fort/China)

11. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cook gave his apologies to the meeting. Cllr China stated that he had asked for an update on the Relief Road.

12. MBC Councillors Report.

MBC Cllr Fort reported that residents living in the properties that backed onto the Ledian Farm site had been invited to a meeting regarding on 16th September to discuss the plans.

She stated that there was also a Members Briefing at MBC regarding the proposals, and a village briefing would also be arranged at some point.

She confirmed that the site was not in the Local Plan.

Cllr China stated that a resident had asked details regarding the development, and he would circulate the email to members.

MBC Cluster Meetings – Cllr Fort stated that she would attend the Cluster meeting for Leeds and report back to members.

13. Planning Matters.

21/503388/LBC Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds Maidstone Kent

Listed Building Consent for replacement of windows and doors

MBC Planning Decisions

21/503388/LBC

Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TF

Listed Building Consent for replacement of windows and doors.

Application Refused

21/503861/SUB

Leeds Abbey Farmhouse Lower Street Leeds ME17 1TL

Submission of Details to discharge Condition 3 (Details of proposed timber frame repairs) of planning permission 20/501290/LBC

Application Permitted

21/502993/LBC

The Old Store Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RY

Listed building consent for demolition of 2no. internal stud partitions, 1no. door and 1no. cupboard door. Insertion of replacement kitchen units and island units.

Application Permitted

14. Parish Maintenance.

CLlr China reported on the maintenance undertaken in Leeds.

He stated that a bag of bulbs had been donated by a resident, and he had asked Steven Waring to plant these. It was agreed that they would be planted in the flower bed at Upper Street and in the area around the Christmas Tree.

He reported that the cladding on the Pavilion needed to be replaced, quotations for the work had been sought. These were considered and the quotation for £725 was accepted and approved by members.

Action: Clerk to accept quotation and appoint contractor.

A resident asked about the tennis courts and stated that the surface was in a poor condition. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would try to ascertain the usage by residents.

15. Leeds Playing Field.

Parking at the Playing field was discussed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would finance the cost of meshing to enable cars to park on the grass as an overflow parking area for use when necessary.

CLlr China to liaise with Loose Lions regarding this project.

16. Street Lighting.

CLlr China reported on street lighting. No issues were raised.

17. Items for the next agenda.

No matters were raised.

18. Date of next meeting.

12th October 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____